

# **DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESOURCES**

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## **Emergency Assistance**

Anyone needing emergency assistance from the American Red Cross can call 1-800-RED CROSS.

## **Reporting Damage**

Anyone impacted by flooding and severe storms may report their damage by calling 1-800-621-FEMA to ensure all areas of damage are identified and documented in order to help with any future disaster declarations.

## **Insurance Information**

The Oklahoma Insurance Department has information on recovering from a disaster at 1-800-522-0071 or online at: [www.ok.gov/oid/](http://www.ok.gov/oid/).

## **Consumer Awareness after a Disaster**

For more information on consumer awareness after a disaster, visit the Oklahoma Attorney General's website at: [www.ok.gov/oag/](http://www.ok.gov/oag/).

The Oklahoma Attorney General's office advises Oklahomans to be wary of repair services and contractors who:

- Solicit for work door-to-door;
- Offer discounts for finding other customers;
- "Just happen to have" materials left over from a previous job;
- Accept only cash payments;
- Pressure you for an immediate decision;
- Ask you to pay for the entire job up-front.

When choosing a contractor, ask for referrals from people you trust, request proof of certification and insurance, and do not do business without a written contract.

### **Private Well Testing**

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will provide free bacterial testing of private well water affected by recent flooding to the following counties: *Adair, Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Cherokee, Choctaw, Coal, Delaware, Haskell, Hughes, Johnston, Latimer, LeFlore, Love, Marshall, Mayes, McCurtain, McIntosh, Murray, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Ottawa, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pushmataha, Sequoyah, and Wagoner.*

If your private well has been submerged in flood water, DEQ recommends you do not drink the water from the well until the flood waters recede and you have safe sample results from DEQ. For sampling instructions and supplies, contact DEQ at (800) 522-0206. The free testing will be available until February 29, 2016. DEQ recommends that you disinfect your well prior to sampling.

Instructions on how to disinfect your well can be found here:

<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/disaster/dsinfctwtr.pdf>.

### **Additional Resources**

- Non-emergency health and human services information: dial 2-1-1
- Oklahoma Road Conditions Hotline: 1-844-465-4997
- Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality: [www.deq.state.ok.us](http://www.deq.state.ok.us)